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Alleged Electionsering Frauds. .

Two parties, Ed. Donohue, Jr., and J. W. Ferry, have been arrested, charged with fraudulently tampering with the soldiers' vote, by substituting McClellan for Lincoln ballots, and were yesterday arraigned before a military commission, in Baltimore, of which General Doubleday is president. After an examination, Ferry made a partial confession.

In behalf of M. J. Ferry, the Judge Advocate entered a plea of guilty, and asked for him the mercy of the court. Dopohue will be tried, and his case will come up to morrow.

After the adjournment of the court, Ferry made a confession, in which he said: "I do not recollect the time when the first papers were forged, but it was in the presence of O'Neal K. Wood, of Clinton county, New York. It was done in my office, Baltimore. I am, and have been for the past two years, the agent for the State of New York, appointed by Gov. Seymour to look after the sick and wounded soldiers of New York."

Donohue protested his innocence, and denied the right of the commission to try him.— Finally, the court adjourned, to allow the prisoners to get counsel. Donohue desired to have the Hon. Reverdy Johnson, but finally telegraphed to political friends in New York.

The "Virginia State Journal," speaking of the 'State Agencies' for attending to hospitals, &c., says:—"As a general thing, State agents have proven themselves most consummate humbugs, and in many instances most consummate scoundrels. We believe there is not a surgeon in the various hospitals of this city who will not bear us out in this statement. Some of these agents, whom we have personally known, made quite independent fortunes, after remaining in the service only a few months, and retired as soon as their pockets were well lined."

A soldier confined at the U. S. military prisson, corner of Prince and Fairfax streets, was shot at and killed by the guard on Wednesday morning, for refusing to obey orders about his removal from the windows, &c. A soldier, near the U. S. government bakery, on Tuesday night, was severely wounded by the guard whom he had assaulted.

Two Confederate soldiers (prisoners) of the "safe guard" attempted to effect their escape, from the down train on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, yesterday evening, when near the Accotink bridge, by jumping off, while the train was under full headway, but they were recaptured, one of them being severely injured by the fall.

Prices of the higher priced dry goods are declining in New York.

An important case has just been decided in the U. S. Ciccuit Court, se Fhiladelphia. It was a suit brought by W. H. Hodgson, (pro prietor of the Jeffersonian, a democratic paper published at West Chester, Pa., ) against W. Millward, U. S. Marshal, and his deputies, to recover damages for the seizure of the property and material of said newspaper office, with the view to its confiscation. The Marshal, it appears, acred under an order issued by the late U. S. District Attorney Coffey, and the seizure took place on the 23rd of August, 1861, the chrge being that the paper had published treasonable articles concerning the war. The jury retired on Tuesday afternoon and on Wednesday afternoon returned a verdiet for the plaintiff, assessing the damages at \$504 33 .-The Philadelphia Ledger, referring to the charge of Judge Grier, remarks:

"This dictum from the bench in defence of private rights and popular liberty will have a good effect in restraining public officers within the bounds of their authority, as regulated by law, a departure from which, if tolerated, must lead to the most odious kind of oppression."

A letter from Martinsburg, published in the National Intelligencer, says that Gen. Duffie, who had been to the front, was riding down the pike from Winchester in an ambulance, with an escort of cavalry. The ambulance proceeded at a more rapid pace than the cavalry, and having made a considerable gap between the General and his guards, the Confederates dashed in and grabbed the whole ambulance party, whisking them off before the escort came up.

Charles W. Simmons died at his father's residence in Chelsea, on Friday afternoon of consumption, at the age of twenty-eight years. For a number of weeks past his physician and family have thought each day would be his last, but he insisted that he would live until the anniversary of his wite's death, which occurred on the 20th of October, 1864. In accordance with this, it will be noticed, that he lived to that time.

The Methodist Musical Convention, just now in session in New York, have declared, as "the sense of the meeting," that "the assignment of singing to a tew, practically to the exclusion of the congregation, is at variance with the spirit of divine worship, and subversive of its purposes." The Convention likewise protest against the introduction of loose sentimental literature into the hymn books.

The present is the season of large potatoes. Down in Maine, they have them nearly four pounds' in weight, and they are still growing. The price of potatoes is declining in all the Northern cities and towns.

The Richmond papers approve the resolutions adopted recently by the Governors of the Southern States, including that, in relation to arming the slaves. From Missouri.

ST Lacis. Geoder 27.—The Democrat's despatch from Leavenworth says. Price has been driven below Fort Scott, closely followed by the Federal cavalry. They have concord a large number of prisoners, including Generals Marmaduke and Cabell, and several pieces of artillery. Research at Kausas City, with lating try, on Tuesday night.

An English journal is now published at Banz-kek, the Siamese capital. It is called the 'Siam Times,' and promises to furnish information, new, emirus and asoful. Siam is one of the eastern countries which has of late, made the most rapid progress. Force years ago it was as little known as was Japan, and European intercourse almost as jealously excluded from it.

The Democratic State Convention of Mary land have nominated, (in case the new Constitution shall have been adopted,) Judge E. F. Chambers for Governor; Col. Oden Bowie for Lieut. Governor; Col Maulsby for Judge of the Court of Appeals; J. Nevitt Steele for Attorney General; A. L. Jarrott for exapt troller of the Treasury.

The Democratic State Central Committee of Indiana have issued an address in which they allege enormous frauds perpetrated by the Republican party at the ballot box at the recent election. They state that in fourteen counties the frauds in favor of Morton are equal to his majority in the whole State.

Benj. G. Harris has been nominated as the Democratic and Conservative candidate for Congress, from the St. Mary's district in Maryland; and Hiram McCullough from the Cecil district.

The Brazil and River Platte Mail says:—
"Owing to the war in America, several wealthy
Southern planters purpose settling in this
country; some have already arrived, and several more are on their way."

The Baltimore Sun says:—"C. Henrietta and Peter R. White were arrested yesterday, charged with forcing Confederate deserters to join the Federal army under the character of aliens. They were locked up for trial."

It is said in the Richmond papers that deserters state that sixty vessels of all classes, intended for an early attak on Wilmington, are rendezvousing in the harbour of Beaufort, N. C.

The Richmond papers of the 24th, report the arrival in that city of 1460 Federal prisoners, captured at the battle of Cedar Creek.

According to the newspaper accounts, the ravages of yellow fever, this year, at Newbern, N. C., must have been very destructive.

Dr. Park was recently killed near Ravenswood, in Western Virginia.